of land for developmental activities such as settlements, social utilities, mining and industrial activites etc.

Irrigation Potential created in Madhya Pradesh

789. SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total cultivable area in Madhya Pradesh *vis-a-vis* other States and the irrigation potential created by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) when will it be possible for Madhya Pradesh to fully utilise its irrigation potential created and what are the reasons for its slow utilisation; and

(c) whether Government are considering to provide extra plan assistance to such backward State so as to develop their untapped irrigation potential alongwith the other developed States?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) As per Land Use Statistics for 1983-84 the total cultivable area in Madhya Pradesh is 22.8 m.ha. against the country's cultivable area of 184.53 m.ha. The irrigation potential created in Madhya Pradesh by the end of Sixth Plan was 3.81 m.ha. and an additional potential of 1.08 m.ha. is targetted for Seventh Plan.

(b) and (c) Irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Governments and the Central assistance is given in the form of block grants and loans. The time by which the State Government would be in a position to utilise its full potential depends upon the priority it accords to the development of water resources. The reasons for slow progress include late start in irrigation development and constraint of financial resources.

Payment of OTA and medical reimbursement by the Modern Food Industry

790. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of medical reimbursement and Overtime Allowance paid to the staff by the Modern Food Industry Ltd. during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 year-wise and what is the percentage of rise on each of these payments;

(b) whether Government have made any critical review to know the genuineness or otherwise of the medical reimbursement claims, if so, what is the outcome thereof statng the action taken by Government against those found indulging in malpractices in claiming medical re-imbursement and also to ensure a check on recurrence of such malpractices; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government to minimise the expenditure on Overtime Allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The amount paid by Modern Food Industries (India) Limited to its employees as reimbursement of medical charges and overtime allowance during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 is given below:—

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Year	Medical Reimbursement	Overtime Allowance
1984-85	4·92	31·29
1985-86	2·71	31·12
1986-87 (estimated)	3·28	32·70

The expenditure on medical reimbursement in 1985-86 declined by 44.9 per cent when compared to that in 1984-85; thereafter it increased by 21.03 per cent in 1986-87 when compared to that in 1985-86. The expenditure on overtime allowance declined by 0.5 per cent in 1985-86 when compared to that in 1984-85; thereafter it increased by 5.07 per cent in 1986-87 when compared to 1985-86.

(b) and (c) Control on expenditure on medical reimbursement and overtime allowance is a continuing exercise. The

Company exercises strict control on reimbursement of medical claims submitted by its employees. No case of malpractice on this account has come to notice. As regards overtime allowance, the Company has taken the following steps:

(i) Planning disposal of work in a manner that reduces need to employ staff on payment of overtime allowance to minimum;

(ii) deploying minimum staff on payment of overtime allowance where such deployment is inescapable;

(iii) staggering working hours, wherever possible, keeping in view operational requirement; and

(iv) controlling expenditure on overtime allowance through periodic reviews.

The Company has been advised to review the position further.

Outstanding liability of ASIAD flats in Delhi

791. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA auctioned Asiad flats carrying an uncleared liability amounting to lakhs of rupees towards property taxes without informing the buyers through sale advertisements or otherwise and that the buyers are now facing great difficulty on account of unliquidated taxes against the flats;

(b) if so, what is the total amount of tax liability against the flats sold by DDA and against those which are yet to be sold;

(c) what are the reasons for not giving a clear picture about the tax liability to the prospective buyers before selling the flats to them; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government for deliberately keeping the buyers in the dark about the unliquidated property tax by the DDA and whether any relief is proposed to be given to the buyers on this account?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (c) D.D.A. has reported that before the auction of the Asiad flats on 26-3-87 it was announced in the auction hall that the allottee is liable to pay the Property tax to M.C.D. from the date the possession is given to him.

(b) M.C.D. has yet to determine the liability of property tax in the case of individual allottees of flats sold as also yet to be sold.

(d) Does not arise.

Telugu Ganga Project

792. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the Talugu Ganga has not been going on as per schedule due to non releasing of funds for the projects by the Tamil Nadu Government for its share of Rs. 200 crores; and

(b) whether Central Government propose to approach the Tamil Nadu Government for timely release of funds for the completion of the project and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The project is not being monitored by the Centre.

(b) Does not arise.

Starvation deaths in drought prone areas

793. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been serious drought conditions prevailing in the Sta-